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**TO:** LME Directors

**FROM:** Leza Wainwright

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "LW", written over the printed name "Leza Wainwright".

**RE:** Report on MH/DD/SA Admissions to Hospital Emergency Departments

State law requires the Department of Health and Human Services to submit quarterly reports on individuals who were diagnosed with a mental illness, developmental disability, or substance abuse disorder and admitted to community hospital emergency departments. The attached report provides the most current information on those admissions.

This report is based on 1,106,809 admissions to emergency departments from July 1-September 30, 2009. About 12.7 percent (140,932) were diagnosed with a mental illness, developmental disability, or substance abuse disorder. Please send questions via electronic mail to [ContactDMHQuality@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:ContactDMHQuality@dhhs.nc.gov)

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